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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jian-Yun DONG et al.

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of four months to and including December 13, 2006 in which to respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated June 13, 2006.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$860.00 is enclosed, which includes the process fee (\$795.00) for a four month extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit appropriate fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No.: 50-1212/MESC:014US.

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